



Match Report

Opponent: United States Military Academy

Date: 19 Nov 05

Match: Navy 22 Army 30

This year marked the fourth consecutive that Army and Navy have met in a prearranged fall meeting. The previous three produced excellent rugby and the fourth did not disappoint. The match opened with an Army kick. Navy kicked back immediately and the counter by Army led to a penalty in the third minute. The 15 meter kick was converted and Army took an early 3 nil lead. Both sides probed the other's defenses and play moved back and forth between the two 22's until the 8th minute. An Army line out led to their next score as they quickly swung the ball out. Their 13 put the ball across the line and their 11 converted for a 10 point lead. Kicking from both sides saw plenty of ball movement up and down the field. Army would again take advantage of a Navy penalty to take a 13 nil lead on another kick from their number 11. Navy finally came alive and produced a sustained drive that took them into Army territory. A penalty on Army allowed second class wing Chase Hobby to put Navy on the board with a 22 meter penalty kick (Navy 3 Army 13). Army struck back immediately and used a line out to set up another try by their backs. The try

went in just to the right of the posts and the successful conversion put Army up 20 to 3. Again Navy began to drive. A missed 35 meter penalty by Hobby from straight away did not stop Navy. Their first try of the night came from senior Trevor McLemore as he scooped up a loose ball and dove across for the score, Hobby conversion (Navy 10 Army 20). The final 10 minutes of the half saw Navy constantly advancing in Army territory. The Navy Blue clad Mids constructed one multiphased attack after another. However, the half would end on another missed penalty from Hobby with Army leading 20-10.

The match picked up right where it had left off in the first half with Navy constructing continued attacks forward. These would pay off for the Mids in the 7th minute as senior wing Lane Drummond received the ball all the way out on the left wing, juked the Army wing, and dove into the try zone, no conversion (Navy 15 Army 20). The game was now truly alive with both sides building strong drives only to be matched by equally determined defenses. Army's attack flew forward with quick ball through the backs and strong pick and drives by their

forwards. Navy mixed set plays from their forwards out of rucks and punishing runs by their centers all secured by strong rucking. With second class center Kevin Peterson sent to the sin bin in the 64th minute as a result of multiple team warnings for not releasing the ball, Army looked to seal the game. However, as Navy has done all year when down a man, their defense was able to hold when needed and their attacking succeeded in relieving pressure. Army maintained the pressure and though Navy returned to full strength, they looked to have locked the game up with a 22 meter penalty in the 75th minute (Navy 15 Army 23). Navy was now forced to throw away caution in order to score with enough time left to score again. They looked to be doing just that when

the Army fly half jumped a pass in the midfield and sped in for their last try of the match in the 77th minute, conversion good (Navy 15 Army 30). Navy refused to go away and again drove up the field. Strong runs off the rucks by the forwards and a swinging attack by the backs put the ball just outside the try zone. Third class flanker Dane Sagerholm would punch the ball across for the final score of the night. The whistle was blown after the successful conversion by Hobby with the final score Navy 22 Army 30. This hard fought match adds another fine chapter to the short, but hardened fall series between Army and Navy.

~ M. M. QUIN reporting

Navy Scoring Stats:

A Side

Trys

Drummond

McLemore

Sagerholm

Penalties

Hobby

Penalties missed

Hobby x2

Conversions made

Hobby x2

Conversions missed

Hobby

Cards

Peterson

